

### **Amendments to the Claims**

Claim 1 (**Currently Amended**) A battery unit comprising:

a plurality of battery cells each having a pair of lead plates;  
a holding plate on which said plurality of battery cells are attached ~~fixed~~; and  
a common circuit board which is separate from said holding plate,  
wherein said pairs of lead plates of said plurality of battery cells are connected to said common circuit board.

Claims 2 - 6 (**Canceled**)

Claim 7 (**Previously Presented**) The battery unit according to claim 1, wherein said pairs of lead plates lead in parallel out from a plane along a bottom surface of said plurality of battery cells.

Claim 8 (**Previously Presented**) The battery unit according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of battery cells are thin battery cells.

Claims 9 – 11 (**Canceled**)

Claim 12 (**Previously Presented**) The battery unit according to claim 1, wherein said pairs of lead plates of said plurality of battery cells are arranged alternatively as positive lead plates and negative lead plates.

Claims 13 – 26 (**Canceled**)